

REMARKS

Claims 37-39 have been cancelled. Claims 1-36 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claim rejections -- 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 39 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicant has cancelled claim 39.

Claim rejections -- 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 37-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,574,277 to Miyamoto. Claims 37-39 have been cancelled.

Allowed claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-36 are allowed. Applicant has cancelled claims 37-39, and therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all outstanding rejections and allow claims 1-36.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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